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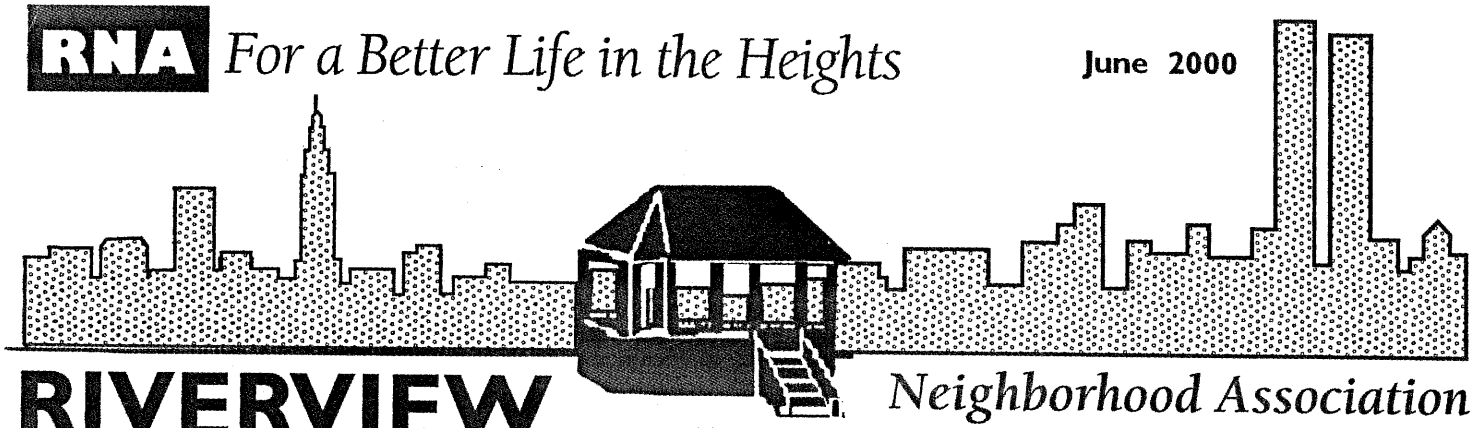

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UPDATE: MILLENNIUM TOWERS

On May 24th, our **City Council** voted to introduce legislation to amend the **Jersey Avenue Redevelopment Plan** (JARP) which in effect would allow developers to build **Millennium Towers** (MT), the controversial 43-story high-rise project planned for a site located on the Jersey City-Hoboken border between the waterfront and the Palisade cliffs. On June 14th, the Council will hold public hearings and then proceed to a final vote on this important issue.

The developers, **Joseph P. Luccarelli, Michael Galella** and **Joseph Zingale**, are known as **United Diversified**. They are repesented by **John O'Donnell**, an attorney who also does work for the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation. Their plan is to build approximately 550 luxury rental units, over 800 parking spaces and 170,000 square feet of commercial/retail space contained in two 37-story towers atop a 6-story pedestal.. They have also promised to build a transit stop for the Hudson-Bergen Light

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Sierra Club focuses on the Palisade Cliffs

The **Sierra Club** will hold two meetings during the month of June to discuss the importance of preserving the Palisade cliffs. Both meetings are free and open to the public.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 8th** at **7:30 Pm** at the **Flat Rock Brook Nature Center** located at 443 van Nostrand Avenue in Englewood. The Program, entitled "**The Palisades through the Ages - Its Geological, Biological and Social History**" will be presented by **Eric Nelson** of the **Palisade Interstate Park Commission**. It will consist of a lecture and slide demonstration of the Palisade's historic sites, flora and fuana, scenic trails and vistas, cultural history, legends and folklore. There will also be a discussion about environmental problems facing this natural landmark on the eve of the new millennium. For information, call **Betsy Kohn: (201) 461-4534.**

The second meeting organized by the **Hudson County Chapter** of the Sierra Club will be held on Tuesday, **June 13th** at **8 PM** at the **Edgewater Community Center** located at 1167 River Road in Edgewater. The meeting's topic "**Zoning and Open Space**" will address the need to protect the Palisade cliffs from the threat of residential and commercial development. Community groups in Edgewater, Weehawken and Jersey City have already begun to organize against this problem. For more information, call **Louise Taylor (201) 224-3754.**

June Guest Speaker: *State Senator Bernard Kenny*

State Senator **Bernard F. Kenny, Jr.** will be the guest speaker at RNA's June 13th meeting. He has been invited to speak about his work and goals for our community and Hudson County in general. RNA has also asked him to address the following items of local interest: the chronic jitney bus problem on Palisade Ave and throughout the Heights; intervention with the State Department of Transportation to allow Jersey City to reverse the street direction of Ogden Avenue from Bowers to South Street; and his support of the community's fight against the Millennium Towers project.

The Senator's 33rd Legislative District encompases the Heights section of Jersey City plus Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken, West New York and Guttenberg.

All members and residents are urged to attend this meeting to hear the Senator and ask him questions about these and other issues of interest to our community.

Shakespeare Tuesdays in the Park

The **Hudson Shakespeare Company** will present three plays of the immortal Bard this summer in **Riverview-Fisk Park**. The performances begin at 7:00 PM and admission is free. The productions will take place in the middle of the Park around the center gardens.

There will be no raindates and all shows will be cancelled due to heavy rain. For further information, call **(201) 420-2207.**

- *The Tempest* . . . . . June 20
- *Othello* . . . . . July 22
- *Much Ado About Nothing* . . . August 22

LAST COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE

If you want to stay informed about our neighborhood's issues, please subscribe to the RNA newlsetter by sending in your annual membership dues of $7.00 to RNA at 232 Ogden Avenue. Or better still, come to our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

RNASPRINGCLEAN-UPAMAJORSUCCESS

On Saturday, May 6th, twenty-nine volunteers turned out to participate in the annual Spring Clean-up of our two Parks: Riverview-Fisk and Janet Moore. The volunteers spent the morning picking up trash, raking up grass cuttings and weeding the various gardens in the parks. This year, all of the volunteers received a tee-shirt from the Department of Public Works for participating in it **"Clean Communities"** Program, donated by **DPW Director Kevin Sluka**. We must also thank **Rodney Hadley** and **Matt Hogan** at the **Division of Parks** for supplying us with tools and other work materials for the event.

As in the past, the **Jersey City Incinerator Authority** provided us with two roll-off dumpsters that were available for the disposal of household debris. They were placed at Franklin and Hobson Streets between Palisade And Ogden Avenues. RNA would like to thank **JCIA's Janet Manzo** for scheduling the delivery and removal of these dumpsters.

Special thanks are extended to: **Bonggo Gochuico** and **Patrick Moore** for their continued dedication and efforts at Janet Moore Park; **Dan D'Errico** for commemorating the day by taking these pictures of our group; **Pam Shaw** for organizing a picnic lunch from Mahnke's; and mostly, **Kevin Mahony** for his continued efforts to organize this semi-annual event.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

CERAMIC TILE PROJECT IN RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK:

RNA members **Sandy Martiny** and **Beverly Brown Ruggia** have started working on their special summer project. They want to create a ceramic tile wall on the Park's northern overlook structure above Holland Street with tiles decorated by local children and residents.

Councilman Bill Gaughan promised to continue to support this project with his own funds after the original funding was withdrawn by the State. He initially agreed to underwrite this project with funds from the Ward D's "recreational account."

However, the funds became unavailable when the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ordered Jersey City to deposit all the "recreational funds" allocated to the individual Council members back into the general revenue account. For more information about this project, call at **798-4235.**

TRAFFIC LIGHTS:

The following announcements were received from the office of **Kevin Sluka**, Director of the Department of Public Affairs:

- a new traffic light will be installed at Palisade Avenue and Bowers Street by June 20, 2000 and the traffic sign design will also change Bowers Street to a one-way direction;
- construction will begin by July 20, 2000 on a new traffic light at Palisade Ave. and Woods Pl. to correct the poor traffic pattern.

HOLLAND STREET:

The Jersey City Division of Engineering has forwarded the following information about the renovation project for Holland Street:

- PSE & G performed a lighting survey and made these recommendations: the existing street lighting is adequate for the proposed new roadway; the lamps should be changed to the vandal resistant design type fixture; and there should be installation of one additional 150 watt high pressure sodium lamp under the Ogden Avenue arch bridge
- the City has submitted the final revised plans, specifications and engineer's design certification for this project to the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Once approved, the City will then proceed to bid this project.

NID UPDATE

Ron Clemente is the NID Code Enforcement Officer for our community. His duties are to enforce quality of life violations in our neighborhood, including: litter, garbage and recycling; noise control; exterior property maintenance *(building facade, pavements, yards);* tree trimming, grass and weed control; graffiti removal; animal control and supervising the clean-up of the and sidewalks. He supervises the North districts 6, 7 and 9 in the Heights. Districts 6 and 7 encompass an area between Prospect Street to Paterson Plank Road from Ogden to Central Avenues. District 9 extends from Troy to South Streets between Central Avenue to Kennedy Blvd.

He has recently inspected and taken action against the following privately-owned properties:

- 7 Hobson Street: summon issued for "flea market" debris on the sidewalk;
- 554 Palisade Avenue: summons issued and cleaned by proeprty owner;
- 140 Ogden Avenue: warning issued for improper refuse storage;
- 117, 122, 124, 126 Ogden Avenue: summons for sanitation problems;
- 107 Mountain Road: summons issued for accumulation of construction debris.

He also inspected and taken action regarding the following City-owned locations:

Riverview-Fisk Park: put in work orders for to install "no dogs allowed" signs in the children's playground, repair the playground fence and fix existing wooden benches and install additional new benches;

23 Franklin Street: contacted Bell Atlantic to remove the vandalized telephone box located on the sidewalk;

Garages on Paterson Plank Road: the Department of Public Works will install new fences with protective barricades to prevent dumping at this location;

Holland Street: work order was sent to DPW to clean street and install barricades;

Mountain Road: work order was sent to DPW to re-install barricades during the construction.

Mr. Clemente has also researched the following information to questions from the May meeting:

- out of state automobile licenses are to be replaced within thirty days of residency;
- the NID's Park Patrol is no longer active because of the budget deficit;
- residential garbage should be placed out at the curb no earlier than 7:00 PM of the night before the scheduled next-day pick-up; and
- any questions about residential garbage pick-up should be made to **Hudson Jersey Sanitation Co.** at **435-1345.**

Starting June 6th, Mr. Clemente's summer hours will be Tuesday to Saturday from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. To report a complaint or request information, he can be reached via voicemail: **547-4974**, ext. **8015**; at the NID office: **547-5683** or via fax: **547-5644.**

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Rail system in their building. According to City officials, New Jersey Transit has stated that they are considering putting a stop at that location. It should be noted that in a conversation with RNA, a NJT official also stated that they would need to do a battery of environmental impact and ridership studies before making any final decision about a station at that site.

RNA is participating in a community-wide coalition protesting the scale and height of this project. The community is afraid that this project will set a dangerous precedent for other high-rise projects in this area. Although the proposed amendments reduce the density and height for the rest of the JARP, there is no guarantee that a future developer will not sucessfully lobby the City to amend the plan again and allow further high-rise development.

Along with our fight to stop this specific project, we are demanding that the City pass a steep slope ordinance to protect the Palisade cliffs - as a landmark and natural resource - from future development above and below the cliff as well as on the surface itself. In addition, we are demanding that the City remove the high-rise district designation recommended by the recently approved Master Plan, not just for the JARP but the rest of the area below the cliffs located between the JARP, Hoboken and Union City.

The coalition's position is that this site and the area surrounding it - which is currently industrial buildings and trucking lots - should be developed with human-scale, low-rise projects that will complement the surrounding communities of the Holland Gardens Housing Project, the residential enclave of St. Lucy's, neighborhing Hoboken, the historic Hamilton Park district and the various communities of the Heights.

It should be noted that the developers are trying to justify the size of this project by stating that in order for them to pay for the Light Rail stop they must be allowed to build beyond the current height limits. And the City, siding with the developers, is stating that a project of this scale with a light rail stop is just what is needed to jump start development in this "wasteland." It is interesting to note that the City nor the developers have been able to provide any concrete evidence to prove either of these statements.

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MEETING MINUTES

[The following is a summary of the April and May RNA meetings.]

April 11, 2000

The meeting began at 7:45 PM with the introduction of RNA's new Executive Board for the coming year.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:

The first speaker of the evening was **Dennis Salerno**, an independent candidate for the Municipal School Board elections to be held on Tuesday, April 18th. Currently, the Board only provides an advisory function because the State is still in charge of the City's school system. However, it is important to maintain a strong independent Board for the time when the City will regain autonomous control of the school system.

Mr Salerno advocated the following ideas: use of the public schools for community centers after school and at night; a requirement that teachers and administrators are residents of Jersey City; alternate schedules for the students at Dickinson High School to alleviate the overcrowding problem when they are released into the adjacent communities; charter schools should be required to provide a proven track record of administration and achievement before being granted a license to operate; and since the City's policy of tax abatements does not provide any funds for our school system, tax-abated developers should provide give-back programs, such as job training for the students. *[Ed. Note: Mr. Salerno did not win one of the open seats on the school Board.]*

NTF POLICE:

Officers **Lorenzo Tosado** and **Nelson Rivera** were present to report on local crime matters and to answer questions from the members. There were two shootings near the Franklin and Palisade Avenue intersection during the first week of April. The officers stated that one incident stemmed from a "turf war" between two drug gangs trying to establish their territory in our neighborhood. The other incident was allegedly from a lover's quarrel. One of the shooters had been identified and a warrant had been issued for their arrest.

The officers stated that the North Precinct had organized a **special late-night detachment of plain clothes and NTF officers** to address the crime problems that have increased along Palisade Avenue within the last few months. They also announced that the North Precinct was reactivating its own narcotics squad instead of relying on the City-wide squad. The officers asked for our help in reporting any criminal or unusual activity to **Sgt. Mark Ruby** at **547-5350.** These tips should be as thorough as possible, including date and time of incident, license plate numbers, type and color of clothing and shoes, color of hair and eyes.

Finally the officers announced the deployment of a mobile police van that would be parked on a daily basis along Palisade Avenue to help in this campaign. There was also discussion of the placement of a police trailer in the neighborhood as a mini-precinct. Because of the importance of this issue, the membership voted and approved the placement of a mini-precinct in our neighborhood. The following locations were also approved as possible locations for this trailer: the corner of Griffith Street and Palisade Avenue, 302-306 Palisade Avenue between Cuneo and Woods Place and New York Avenue and Hutton Street.

SPRING EVENTS:

Valerie and **Jack Rea** discussed their plans for a party for Harbor View residents to be held on the afternoon of Sunday, May 7th. The members approved a budget of up to $75.00 for the event.

Kevin Mahony reported the plans for RNA's annual spring cleanup to take on Saturday, May 6th between 8:00 AM to 12 Noon. Volunteers would be needed to clean-up the two local parks. There would be free tee-shirts and a picnic in the Park after the clean-up. Two dumpsters were ordered to be parked on Franklin and Hobson Streets for residential garbage. The members voted for a budget of up to $250.00 for the event; which would be reimbursed by the City in the form of a Clean Community grant.

Sandy Martiny and **Beverly Brown Ruggia** announced that **Councilman Bill Gaughan** agreed to fund their Ceramic Tile Wall Project in Riverview-Fisk Park with a grant of $1,500.00.

CELLULAR PHONE ANTENNAS:

Nick Caballero, a neighbor from the north end of Palisade Avenue, discussed the variance application for the placement of 12 panel antennas for cellular telephone communication on the rooftop of 650 Palisade Avenue and accessory generators in the building's basement. The building is a medium rise apartment located on the Avenue between North Street and Paterson Plank Road in a R-2 residential zone. The hearing was scheduled for Thursday, April 13th before the Board of Adjustment. Nextel Communications proposed the project because of its need to improve reception for its cellular customers. Mr Caballero was organizing the local neighborhood against this application because of its proximity to the adjacent residential properties and the fact that there were other locations in the area better suited for this project. *[On April 13th, the Board of Adjustment voted to approve the application despite the objections of the local community.]*

May 10, 2000

RNA held its May meeting on Wednesday, the 10th instead of its customary second Tuesday. This change of date was to allow the membership to attend the May 9th meeting of the Planning Board to protest the Millennium Towers project. Unfortunately, few people attended the Wednesday meeting because of the date change and the inclement weather.

POLICE UPDATE:

Despite the low turnout, the North Precinct Police Department was well in attendance, with Captain **Paul Wolleon, Sgt. Mark Ruby, NTF Officer Chuck Lauziere, Officers Joe Olszewski** and **Mike Sherbeneau**. The Captain discussed the recent crime "wave" in our neighborhood, specifically the increase in drug sales and random shootings. He outlined what the police were doing to combat these problems. Over-all crime statistics were down in the North Precinct. Since April of this year, 65 narcotic-related arrests were made in the area encompassing Palisade, New York and Webster Avenues between Franklin to Bower Streets. As to the rash of random shootings, he stated that it appeared to be a clash between rival gangs from Spruce Street and Palisade Avenue and that arrests were imminent.

More sweeps and aggressive police work were being planned for the Palisade area, including the use of the mobile police van and plain clothes officers. Officer Olszewski announced that the storefront on Palisade, known as Munchie's, was recently shut down because they had no licenses or permits from the Board of Health to operate. He also mentioned that a barbershop on Baldwin was also closed because of illegal activities.

The Captain then informed the group that the police have successfully reduced auto break-ins and stolen cars in the Heights. He discussed the formation of a task force with Union City and North

Bergen to combat the car thefts and drag racing.

The members informed the police of several locations on Palisade Avenue that seem to be "hot spots" for criminal activity with brazen individuals hawking even their drug wares on the street.

In addition to their crime fighting efforts, the police also described their community outreach activities. Office Sherbeneau organized last year's *Toys for Tots* collection and more recently coordinated the **Easter Egg Hunt** in several Heights parks, including Riverview-Fisk and Sgt. Anthony. He also announced an upcoming basketball tournament on May 11th, between the Jersey City Police and the Hudson County Sheriff's Department with the proceeds going to the Special Olympics charity. Officer Sherbeneau plans to participate in RNA's June 3rd Park Fair & Flea Market by selling water and soft drinks to raise money for more "quality of life" events for our community.

NID UPDATE:

The next speaker was **Ron Clemente**, the newly assigned code enforcement officer for Neighborhood Improvement Districts 6, 7, and 9 which encompass Ogden and Palisade Avenues. Mr. Clemente was originally our second NID manager before being transferred to another district several years ago. Because of the recent budget deficit, the City-wide NID workforce has been reduced to 12 working managers who are each in charge of several districts. Their duties have been adjusted to the following programs: exterior building maintenance *(sanitation, grass/weeds and noise)*, vacant lot clean-up, graffiti problems, and supervising street sweeping crews. The NID managers will first issue warnings to the owners and take digital photographs of the violations. If the private owner is non-compliant, a summons is issued and then a work order is prepared for the City to resolve the problem.

The **NID hours** are now Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. During the summer months of June through September, their hours will change to Tuesday to Saturday from 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Mr. Clemente then took complaints about local quality of life problems in the neighborhood from the group.

Finally there was a brief discussion about the previous night's Planning Board Meeting. Despite community opposition, the Board approved proposed amendments to the Jersey City Redevelopment Plan which will allow the developers to proceed with their plans for the Millennium Towers project. Ms. Tuzzo also updated the group about the June 3rd Park Fair & Flea Market. *The meeting ended at 9:45 PM.*

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It should also be noted that the City and the developers have not been able to justify their irrational rush to clear all obstacles for this project to proceed. The coalition has repeatedly requested that the City should postpone any final decision on the MT project itself or the revisions to the JARP until a thorough professional study of the area is completed by either the Planning Division or outside consultants. Once that is accomplished, then a rational urban design plan could be developed with input from all parties: the community, the Administration, the developers and the property owners. This senseless "rush to judgment" does nothing but create fear and anxiety among the citizenry who have a perception that our "City is Up for Sale." The Administration is already in the process of "redeveloping" over one third of the City through 58 redevelopment plans.

RNA urges all its members, friends and neighbors to attend the City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 14th at 5:30 PM to protest this irresponsible action on the part of the City.

We request that you sign up to make a public comment at the meeting about this issue by calling the City Clerk's office at 547-5152 before the 14th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in reaction to an event that transpired at the April meeting. As you know, one of our speakers was former City of Jersey City Corporate Counsel **Dennis Salerno**. While I believe Dennis is a good man and he was very helpful to our community during a local crisis in 1998; it was his purpose for being at our meeting that in hindsight may be a dangerous precedent for the future of our association. Dennis was at our meeting to publicize his independent candidacy for a position on the School Board. This is actually the second time in twelve months that an individual seeking elective office has addressed our group. *(The first time was in June, 1999 when County Executive Robert Janiszewski was running in the County Democratic primary.)*

My concern is whether our neighborhood association may be compromised or perceived as compromised as a result of these presentations at our regular business meetings. I do believe as a neighborhood association we have an obligation to our community to keep it informed. In the past we have regularly had the participation of the Mayor, our three local Councilmen and other elected and non-elected officials at our meetings. However, I do not recall a time where any of these individuals used our meetings to advance the outcome of their election.

While I know RNA has never endorsed any political candidates, I believe the maintenance of our neutrality is critical to maintaining the cordial relationships we have established with the City (and any other entity) and its officials. As a group, we will have differences with these officials from time-to-time. If we expect to maintain the same level of respect and trust during difficult times, it is critical that we not as a group stick out toes into the political arena or allow our regular business meetings to be used as a forum for such.

Now how do we keep our membership informed and not appear to be political? Perhaps in the future we as a neighborhood association could sponsor a "Candidates Night" or some other forum that would allow us to meet these individuals as a group and hear what they have to say. Should such an occasion present itself in the future, I would be more than happy to organize and host just such an event on behalf of the group.

Kevin G. Mahony

BULLETIN BOARD

Events

Spring Fling

On Sunday, May 7th, RNA sponsored its first spring get-together for the residents of the **Harbor View Health Care Facility**. The event was hosted by long-time member **Valerie Rea** with help from **Claire Gaito, Tim Gilliard** and **Maria Tuzzo**. The residents were entertained with two live musical acts: **Ceil Bawick** and **Jerry Osias** who sang and played the piano and **Barnett Weiss**, a guitar player recommended by our Webster Avenue neighbor Mary Mills.

There were refreshments and gifts for the residents. Special thanks to Harbor View's **Amy Montgomery** for her help and donating the punch. As usual, a good time was had by all - the residents and the visitors. Hope to see you in the fall for the Annual Holiday Party for these lovely people

Cultural Arts Festival:

Jersey City is sponsoring the **26th Annual Cultural Arts Festival** at Liberty State Parrk C.R.R.N.J. Terminal and Plaza on **Sunday, June 11th** between 12 noon and 6 PM. The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is welcoming artists, crafters, performers and food purveyors of all ethnic backgrounds to participate in this festival. For more information and an application form, call **Joey George**, the Festival Director at (201) **547-5522**.

Movies Under the Stars:

The City of Hoboken is presenting its summer program, MOVIES UNDER THE STARS which offers free first-run movies. The showing are at the **Erie Lackawanna Train Plaza** in front of the Hoboken NJ Transit Terminal. The shows begin at dusk between **8:30** and **9:00 PM**. Addmission is free. Seating is limited so bring a blanket or lawn chair. For more information, call **(201) 420-2207**. The June schedule includes:

Wednesday, June 7:
The Insider Al Pacino

Wednesday, June 14:
Being John Malkovich
John Cusack

Wednesday, June 21:
The Sixth Sense Bruce Willis

Wednesday, June 28:
Galaxy Quest Tim Allen

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PARKING AUTHORITY: To report parking complaints call **653-6969**, and press **#9**. This number is good till 12 midnight. If there is an emergency, Mr. **Carmine Venezia**, the PA Director can be reached through his beeper **517-3367**, till midnight during the weekdays and till 5 pm on Saturdays.

PSEG LIGHTING: To report a non-functioning light in the Park or on any of our streets, call **PSEG** at **330-6572** and leave a message with the exact loca tion and number of the street pole.

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force** (NTF) Police Officers if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity through the North District's Community Service voice mail at **547-5719** or through the front desk at **547-5350**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message. For emergencies, call **547-5477** or **911**.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD Narcotics Unit at **547-5714** or **547-6911**. All calls will be strictly confidential.

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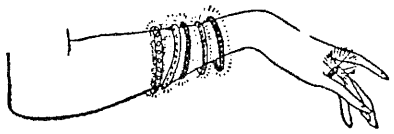

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COMING EVENTS:

Thursday, June 8th: **Sierra Club** Lecture on the Palisades, Edgewater 7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 13th: **RNA Meeting**, 7:15 PM
Harbor View Health Care Center
Guest Speaker: State Senator Bernard Kenny, Jr.

Tuesday, June 13th: Meeting of the Hudson County Chapter of the **Sierra Club**, Edgewater, 8:00 PM

Wednesday, June 14th: **City Council**, 5:30 PM
City Hall, 280 Grove Street
STOP the Millenium Towers Project

Tuesday, June 20th: Shakespeare in the Park, 7:00 PM
The Tempest